

## **Lake County Coastal Plan Committee Minutes May 24, 2006**

The Lake County Coastal Plan Committee hereby finds and determines that all formal actions were taken in an open meeting of the Lake County Coastal Plan Committee and that all the deliberations of the Planning Commission and its committees, if any, which resulted in formal actions, were taken in meetings open to the public in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Chairman Harry Allen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Allen welcomed visitors Mr. Michael Scruggs, Planning Commission member from Fairport Harbor Village, and Mr. Rick Amos, Perry Township Trustee, to the meeting.

### **ATTENDANCE**

The following members were present: Messrs. Allen, Advey, Balog, Buescher, Cain, Gilmer, Kish, Klco, Landeg, Noble, Rising, Rutledge, Sholtis, Tischer, Urbanski, Welch, Zeitz, and Mmes. Dreyfuss-Wells and Neale. Staff present: Mr. Boyd, Ms. Myers, and Mr. Webster.

### **MINUTES**

Mr. Urbanski moved to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2006 meeting as submitted. Ms. Neale seconded the motion.

All voted "Aye".

### **LAKE COUNTY LANDSIDE COMMUNITIES MASTER PLAN**

#### **KSU Urban Design Center Draft**

Mr. Boyd informed the Committee that the completed KSU Urban Design Conceptual Master Plan has been received. He asked that the members contact him who would like copies or a CD of it. Mr. Boyd stated he would reproduce the plans on large white boards at a community's request.

The balance due on the contract with the Urban Design Center is \$5,000. Mr. Boyd checked into applying for a grant for the balance, but the funding agencies were not interested in financing this at the end of the project. A request will be made to the Lake County Commissioners for the balance when the final bill is received.

Ms. Carol Cartwright, KSU President, has resigned. We will formally acknowledge her assistance with the Urban Design Center Conceptual Master Plan.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Federal Grant Request Update**

Mr. Boyd submitted an application for a federal grant through Congressman LaTourette's office in the amount of \$80 million in February 2006. He is not expecting to hear anything until sometime this summer. There will be a 25% local match requirement that must be pursued.

### Community Meetings

Presentations and informational meetings were made on this Committee's behalf as follows:

- Perry Township Trustees.
- Leadership Lake County.
- L. C. Mayors and Managers Association.
- Mentor-on-the-Lake.
- Lake Metroparks.
- Willowick.

If any member or their communities need assistance or a meeting to better promote our project, contact Mr. Boyd at 350-2740.

Mr. Allen addressed the members requesting suggested contacts for anyone they felt could be a pivotal asset as we take our issues to the public.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Lakeland Video

Messrs. Allen, Boyd and Urbanski met with Dr. Beverage of Lakeland Community College who offered the use of their Audiovisual Department and equipment to produce a video to educate the public on the economic and recreational values of the Lake through our initiative. The video should be 8 – 12 minutes in length.

To produce this video we need assistance to:

- Find key people and/or voices to use for the video.
- Talk to residents to find out how and why they use the lake.
- Find unique pieces of property other than the public parks where photographs can be taken for the video. Mr. Boyd is already doing the public parks.
- Find someone with experience with working on storyboards or scripts. Any key people working with the cable companies would be helpful.

Please contact Mr. Allen or Mr. Webster at 350-2740 with any of the above information.

The documentary done for us in 2002 has been given to Lakeland. The Lakeland video will describe what could be, talk about what isn't there and a step-to-step presentation on how we can put it there. The video is going to introduce what could be, but will not delineate the big steps that this Committee will need to take. Other potential video sources suggested were Lake County Visitors Bureau and Lake Metroparks.

#### Business Forum

In keeping with the private (philanthropic), community and public sources for funding breakdown, Mr. Allen is pursuing \$6.6 million of private commitment to underwrite the 1/3 that the County will have to come up with. He is suggesting and has started the process of developing a business forum aimed at philanthropic entities to demonstrate the private sector is behind us all the way. A site-specific topic is needed to

bolster this forum. Only about 50 invitees are to be included with facilitators at each table. They will have information in their hands before they come with questions and key points. We are looking for a challenge offer going into the meeting.

We need to outline where, when and what our target is and who the keynote speaker will be for this forum. LaMalfa, Mentor Harbor Yacht Club, Perry Township Community Center, and the Kirtland Country Club were discussed as potential places to hold the forum. The Kirtland Country Club was determined to be the better location. It was thought the gathering should be held for one to two hours on a Monday. Mr. Allen is working on the guest list. Commissioners Troy and Aufuldish may be willing to speak. Mr. Dennis Eckart could be the keynote speaker.

Mr. Allen gave a partial list of stakeholders he thought should be invited and asked for anyone else the members could add. The goal is to be prepared should our Federal funding requests come through.

Mr. Kish suggested a presentation to a group in Lake County called the Lake County Entrepreneur Club consisting, in a large portion, of business owners. Mr. Allen stated he would appreciate that opportunity.

Suggestions for additional invitees were made to include the larger construction entities, the owners of the Captains, Mr. George Humphrey, Mr. Charlie Bolton, and the Swagelock group.

Sponsors are needed to pay for the luncheon. Any help from the members with getting sponsors would be greatly appreciated.

Mr. Allen asked any member to call him with any names, etc. at his office.

After the forum, the next step would be to go back to the communities for financial help.

#### Port Authority or Other Management Group

Mr. Boyd addressed an article from the Columbus Dispatch concerning the Delaware County Commissioners voting to start a port authority to lure prospective developers. They do not even have a lakefront and they have a regional port authority. He read a quote from the article made by Commissioner Kris Jordan, "Attracting large businesses without a port authority is like trying to hit a major-league pitch with a Whiffle bat."

It is important that an overseeing management group or port authority gets going in Lake County in order for this project to go forward.

#### Leadership Lake County Referral

One of our Committee members, Mr. Ron Balog, was nominated to join Leadership Lake County. He has been with us for a number of years. His membership would provide a good conduit for this Board should this Committee decided to recommend him.

Mr. Gilmer moved to send a letter to Leadership Lake County recommending Mr. Ron Balog for membership. Ms. Neale seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mr. Balog is a councilman for Grand River and has served on a number of committees and boards there. He has been involved with the Stormwater program, CIC and the Coastal Plan Committee along with volunteering for the Painesville Township schools' Financial Action Planning Committee in June.

All voted "Aye".

## **NEWS ITEMS**

### Fairport Lighthouse

Mr. Welch stated that the lighthouse program was a joint effort of the Lake County Historical Society, Lake Metroparks, the County Planning Commission and Fairport Harbor Lighthouse Group. Mr. Boyd stated it is a gateway as a navigational point for the harbor. It could be a good tourist draw and would be a great place to shoot some video. Contact will need to be made through the Coast Guard. Mr. Brian Fowler might be able to facilitate this.

### Municipal Updates

Madison Township – Mr. Advey said everything is status quo.

North Perry Village – Mr. Tischer stated a public hearing for the proposed boat launch will be held on July 5 at 5:30 p.m. at the Morley Library in Painesville. Mr. Allen said someone from this Committee would attend.

Perry Township – Mr. Amos, Trustee, stated they were waiting.

Fairport Harbor Port Authority – Mr. Sholtis said they were just waiting for something to happen.

Grand River Village – Mr. Balog stated they were waiting on putting in new docks.

Mentor-on-the-Lake – Mr. Buescher made presentations to the Planning Commission and Council. He thought it went well and ideas regarding potential landside improvements were discussed.

Mentor – (No one present.)

Eastlake – Mr. Cain - At the suggestion of this Committee, Chagrin River Watershed Partners (CRWP) was contacted concerning Anchor Island. With their help and ideas on overlay zoning, the plan started to come together. Mr. Boyd will help with the creation of the overlay zoning. He thanked Ms. Dreyfuss-Wells and the CRWP for their help.

Mr. Cain talked with Mayor Anderson of Willoughby who said they will look at anything Eastlake does with a regional approach in hope for more improvement. Ms.

Dreyfuss-Wells felt this was harmonious with this Committee's plan and that North Island would be a magnificent property.

Willowick – Mr. Rising - Initial construction of the Larimar development has started. Rich Marucci and Sons bought the west end of Shoregate and sold all lots. He believed they were to begin tearing down in October. They are waiting for Ohio Savings and a women's fashion store to move out.

Painesville Township – (No one present.)

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 27, 2006. We may need to intrude upon your schedules to get feedback and input. We may want to take steps on finalizing the port authority before approaching the philanthropists. We will need assistance from the County.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Allen at 7:40 p.m.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

- A formal acknowledgement is to be sent to Ms. Carol Cartwright's assistance with the Urban Design Center Conceptual Master Plan.
- If any member or their communities need assistance or a meeting to better promote our project, contact Mr. Boyd at 350-2740.
- Mr. Allen asked for suggested contacts for anyone members felt could be a pivotal asset as we take our issues to the public.
- Please contact Mr. Allen or Mr. Webster with suggestions of key people and/or voices, unique pieces of private property for photographing and people experienced in working with storyboards and scripts.
- A presentation is to be made to a group in Lake County called the Lake County Entrepreneur Club.
- Any help from the members with getting sponsors would be greatly appreciated.
- A public hearing on the proposed N. Perry Village boat launch will be held on July 5 at 5:30 p.m. at the Morley Library in Painesville. Someone from this Committee should attend.